wages and fair conditions of work, group insurance and other rights.

States will be encouraged to implement land reforms by plugging the legal and administrative loopholes. States will also be urged to make a law dealing with land records including record of tenancy rights. In cooperation with the States, larger funds will be allocated for irrigation and extension of cultivation.

Poaching of Animals

932. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poachers of rare species of animals brought to book so far since 1990;

(b) the number out of them made ineffective for poaching;

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Spying by B.S.F. Personnel

933. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force personnel were found involved in spying activities for other countries during January 1995 to June, 1997;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against such personnel by the Government; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check this evil practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) During the period from 1.1.95 to 30.6.97 no BSF personnel were found involved in spying for other countries. However, one Constable of BSF deployed at Jaisalmer was picked up on April 6, 1997 by Rajasthan Police as his name figured during interrogation of the suspects. The case is under investigation.

(c) Security measures have been tightened and the men have been sensitised to be more vigilant.

Quota of Wheat Released to Assam

934. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat quota released under the Public Distribution System by FCI to Assam during each of the last three years and upto July, 1997;

(b) the reasons for erratic release of PDS quota to the State during the last few years;

(c) whether requests have been received to enhance the quota;

(d) whether the Government propose to streamline the release of PDS quota to the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether FCI has not released the allotted PDS quota to few districts of Assam including Tinsukia and Dibrugarh since January, 1997;

(g) if so, the reasons therefor;

(h) whether any norms are being followed by FCI for such allotments;

(i) if so, the details thereof; and

(j) if not the alternative arrangement being made to continue flow of food-grains in case FCI is not able to fulfil the requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) The Allocation and Offtake of wheat under P.D.S. (including RPDS) in Assam has been as under:-

(In '000 tonnes)

Year	Wheat		
(April-March)	Allocation	Offtake	% Offtake
1994-95	310.00	277.30	89.45
1995-96	360.00	351.70	97.69
1996-97	355.50	301.90	85.00
1997-98			
April-May, 97	60.00	53.20	88.67
T.P.D.S			
June, 97	20.38	N.A.	
July, 97	20.30	N.A.	